



Growth Points

Wisdom in Parenting
November 15, 2009

Proverbs

Devotional Seed:

How does God parent us? How should we respond to his parenting?

Deeper Roots:

1. Do you agree that the book of Proverbs and even the whole Bible can be considered as God's parental instruction to us?
2. What is God's goal in parenting us? What goals should earthly parents have?
3. How would you define discipline?
4. Look at Hebrews 12:5-13. What does this say about how God disciplines, why he disciplines and how we should respond?
5. Do you believe that spankings are an appropriate form of discipline? (Parents may want to discuss forms of discipline that have been successful with their children)
6. How is Christ an example to us in what it looks like to be a wise child of God? (John 12:49-50, Hebrews 5:8, Matthew 4:1-11)

Bearing Fruit:

1. Share with each other about the way you were parented or how you are parenting? How does it compare with God's parenting of us? Does the way you were parented influence your response to God?
2. How would you describe your responses to God's instruction and discipline?
3. Based on this study, will you parent any differently?
4. Share with the group a positive example your parents set for you or an example you are trying to set for your children.

Branching Out:

Looking ahead to our Christmas outreach, plan now to invite friends and acquaintances. Hold each other accountable to make invitations and continue to pray for positive responses